

REMARKS

Applicants are filing a §371 U.S. National Phase utility patent application based upon International Application PCT/DE2004/000508, filed 13 March 2004. Applicants enclose the English translated specification since the priority application and International Application were both filed in German.

Applicants set forth that nothing that could be construed as new subject matter was added to the application in preparing the English translated specification. Applicants submit herewith a "Declaration" wherein the translator sets forth that to the best of his knowledge the English translated specification is a true and complete translation of International Application No. PCT/DE2004/000508.

Applicants make certain amendments to the English translated specification by way of enclosing an entire substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. 1.125(b) to have this §371 U.S. National Phase application comply with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. In particular, Applicants have inserted the following headings: **Prior Applications** (with language identifying the two priority applications - a first filed German application and a subsequently filed PCT Application), **Background of the Invention, 1. Field of the Invention** and **2. Description of the Prior Art** on page 1 of the substitute specification, **Summary of the Invention** on page 5 of the

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substitute specification, and **Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment** on page 6 of the substitute specification.

Applicants wish to note to the Examiner that no drawings were filed with the German Priority Application or the PCT International Application. Hence no drawings are included in this §371 U.S. National Phase Application.

Applicants have also added "preamble" language directly underneath the **Claims** heading found on page 9 of the substitute specification.

Further yet, Applicants insert an ABSTRACT which is identical to that which is found on the PCT Published Application No. WO 2004/088580 A1, dated 14 October 2004.

Still further, Applicants make amendments to the English language translation to correct grammatical and typographical errors.

Applicants respectfully point out that none of the aforementioned amendments made herein by way of submission of the substitute specification could be construed as the introduction of any new subject matter.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-10 of the English translated specification and have substituted a new set of claims numbered 11-20 in the substitute specification. This was done to completely eliminate all multiple dependent claims used in the International Application and to place the claims in a format that complies with USPTO rules, practice and

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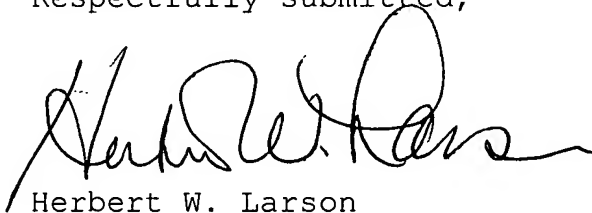
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procedure.

Applicants respectfully request that the filing fee be calculated based upon the new set of claims numbered 11-20 wherein **NO MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS** are used, two (2) independent claims are included, with the total number of claims being ten (10).

Applicants finally wish to point out that the aforementioned amendments were done to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention under USPTO rules. Notwithstanding, Applicants believe the claims of the English language translated International Application would have been allowable if not canceled and re-written in this Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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